IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MOGI, et al.

Serial No.

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Title

ELECTRICAL STEEL SHEET FOR LOW-NOISE

TRANSFORMER AND LOW-NOISE TRANSFORMER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claim as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A low-noise transformer formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1.
- (Amended) A low-noise transformer characterized by inserting viscoelastic layers, at 5. random, in a core formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, nonobvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claim has been amended as follows:

- 3. A low-noise transformer formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1 [or 2].
- 5. A low-noise transformer characterized by inserting viscoelastic layers, at random, in a core formed by using an electrical steel sheet for a low-noise transformer according to claim 1 [or 2].